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REMARKS

Pending Claims

Claims 3 – 9 are pending. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 4 are objected to for informalities. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 3 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled claims 1 and 2, which include the corrections to the formalities noted with respect to claim 1. Claim 4 has been amended to correct the informality.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2 and 9 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated Maede et al, U.S. Patent No. 7,129,916.

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Claims 3-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

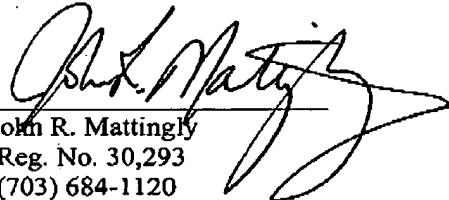
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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